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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. CODEL BRADEMAS-SCHWEIKER (CONFIDENTIAL)

PRCLO DEPUTY HAN HSU AND COUNSELOR TSIEN TA-YUNG WERE ON HAND, ALONG WITH A FEW PRESS AND MYSELF, TO SEE THE CODEL OFF. THE SHORT LEAD TIME, PLUS THE ADDITION OF CHIP CARTER AND EFFORTS TO RECRUIT SLACK SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS, EXACERBATED THE CONFUSION NORMAL TO PREPARATIONS FOR SUCH EVENTS, BUT BY LIFT-OFF THE OPERATION SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD ORDER. TWO APPROPRIATE PRINCIPLES FOR THESE TRIPS MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED: SPOUSES WERE NOT INCLUDED AND THE CODEL IS PAYING ITS OWN IN-CHINA COSTS.

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2. TIBET (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH NEA AND THE NSC TO RESOLVE TROUBLESOME ISSUES GROWING FROM AN EFFORT BY TIBETAN EXILES TO EXPLOIT THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION. THE PROBLEM ARISES FROM TENSIONS BETWEEN THE NEEDS (A) TO AVOID TOUCHING TOO HARD THE PRC'S SENSITIVE

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TIBETAN NERVE AND (B) TO AVOID HAVING THE ADMINISTRATION

APPEAR INSENSITIVE TO THE TIBETANS' HUMAN RIGHTS. ISSUES INCLUDE TIBETAN MESSAGES TO THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

3. APPOINTMENTS WITH THE SECRETARY (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO SEE CHRIS PHILLIPS AND WILLIAM HEWITT ON MONDAY MORNING AND HUANG CHEN ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM ON CHINA: TAYLOR PROPOSAL

I EMPHATICALLY AGREE WITH MORT SMITH'S MEMO TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO DECIDE UPON A MAJOR EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON CHINA ISSUES. IN THE MEANTIME, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER WHAT WE SHOULD DO AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND WE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN SOME ROUTINE PA SESSIONS THAT INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF CHINA ISSUES.

5. EA/PRCM ACTIVITIES (UNCLASSIFIED)

GALEN FOX WILL BE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FRIDAY TO DISCUSS CHINESE PROVINCIAL POLITICS WITH REGIONAL CO-EDITORS OF THE CHINESE PROVINCIAL HANDBOOK. STAPE ROY IS ACCOMPANY-ING CODEL BRADEMAS-SCHWEIKER. DICK HART HAS A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY APRIL 14: KATHLEEN
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DOUGALL IS LEAVING APRIL 11 FOR CONSULTATIONS IN PEKING AND HONG KONG.

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